1984 soliciting or making available money or other property for use in acts of terrorism related to Northern Ireland was an offence. In the new PTA this provision has been extended to international terrorism as well.

The British authorities have given us to understand that the PTA will enable them to control banking transactions undertaken by Sikh extremists in U.K.

(b) The PTA came into force on 22.3.1989 and we have so far not received any information on apprehension of any culprits.

(c) The U.K. authorities have taken legal action in cases where criminal acts have been committed.

Meeting of JCM Council for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

282. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been provided that the Council set up under the JCM Scheme for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan should meet at least twice a year:

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the violation of the provision; and

(c) whether any meeting of the Central Council is proposed to be held in the near future, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) According to the Rules for the conduct of Business of the Council under the JCM for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, ordinary meetings of the Council shall be held not less than once in four months viz. in February, June and October each year. The last meeting was held in August, 1988. The next meeting could not be convened as the staff side of the Council could not elect their leader and Secretary as provided in the scheme of JCM. They have intimated the names of their leader and Secretary for the session 1989-90 on 21-4-89. Necessary steps are being taken to convene the next meeting of JCM in June, 1989.

Revival of offers of appointments of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

283. SHRIMATI VIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether offers to promotees and direct appointees for the posts of Post Graduate Teachers and Vice-Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas issued in 1988 have been revieved or are being revived in 1989;

(b) if so, what are the names of these promotees and direct appointees; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Offers of appointment have been revived in respect of 18 PGTs promoted to the grade of Vice-Principals and in respect of 37 TGTs promoted to the grade of PGTs and 59 direct recruits to the grade of PGTs.

Facilities to gifted handicapped children

284. DR. R. K. POODAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPENT be pleased to state what are the details of facilities/provisions of education for gifted handicapped children in Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): With a view to provide help, guidance and adequate

opportunities to fast learners, a programme of accelerated learning for gifted children has been introduced by the Kendriya Vidyalayas. The activities undertaken in this programme are observation of the immediate environment, exploration of the distant environment through field trips, reading of extra books, preparation of hand written magazines, investigatory projects and reports on various aspects of educational and cultural interest, discussion and preparation of question-answers on various topics, quiz programmes and dramatisation of stories, poems etc. Activities like reading for pleasure, preparation of scrap books, creative writing, visits, excursions and surveys followed by reports are also undertaken by students during vacations and breaks. Parental cooperation in academic and cocurricular programmes is aslo sought by the school.

In regard to the physically handicapped children, there is no special provision and class-room instruction is provided to them alongwith other children. However, with a view to help academically backward children a programme has been implemented in Kendriya Vidyalayas. The programme for these children consists of identification of crucial areas, contact with parents, providing remedial instruction in various subjects, etc. The students also take up simple project learning of simple poems, reading of books, preparation of questions and answers followed by revision exercises. Bright children help these children in learning various subjects. Activities like reading for pleasure, preparation of scrap books, etc. are also taken up by the students during vacation and breaks.

Boycott by teachers of silver jubilee function of Kendriya Vidyalayas

285. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Delhi edition of the Patriot dated the 12th April, 1989 entitled "Teachers to boycott jubilee function"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had invited the president and General Secretary of the four recognised service associations (including AIKVTA) and the Principals' Forum to participate in the programmes for the Silver Jubilee of setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas. All service Associations and principals Forum except AIKVTA have participated in the programmes enthusiastically. According to the news report, the AIKVTA decided to boycott the Silver Jubilee celebration as a protest against the delay in resolving the various issues.

The Government feels that the JCM, which has been set up by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, is an adequate and appropriate forum for discussing demands of service associations.

Alleged Manipulations in selections of Principals for Kendriya Vidyalayas

286. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interviews were held in November, 1988 for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details of those who have since been selected therefor;